UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Before The POSTAL RATE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

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Complaint on Post E.C.S.

Docket No. C99-1

## OFFICE OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE RESPONSE TO P.O. RULING NO. C99-1/27 (September 26, 2002)

The Office of the Consumer Advocate ("OCA") hereby submits its reply to the Postal Service's Declaration of the current status of PosteCS, filed in response to the Presiding Officer's Ruling No. C99-1/27. Based on a Declaration from the program manager of PosteCS that the service has been terminated, there appears to be no point in going forward with Docket No. C99-1.

A new opportunity will soon be provided for the Commission to address many of the issues that were under consideration in the C99-1 complaint case by the submission of requests to the Commission to review the circumstances surrounding the Postal Service's unauthorized offering of a significant number of services to the public, at fees set unilaterally by the Postal Service. Preparatory work on the planned request is nearly completed, and its submission is imminent. Therefore, the important

<sup>&</sup>quot;Presiding Officer's Ruling Concerning Status of Complaint," September 5, 2002.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> "Declaration of Leo Campbell," attached to "United States Postal Service Response to Presiding Officer's Ruling No. C99-1/27 and Motion to Dismiss Complaint," filed September 19, 2002.

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legal and policy questions raised by United Parcel Service in Docket No. C99-1 may still be resolved in an upcoming proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that, on behalf of the Office of the Consumer Advocate, I have this date served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the rules of practice.

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